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REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEES JANUARY 13TH, 1897.

To the Board of Trustees of The Missouri Botanical Garden:

The financial statement herewith presented shows satisfactory results. Owing to the depressed condition of business, necessitating a reduction of rentals in some cases and vacancies in two large buildings for a portion of the year, the receipts from rentals have not equaled those of the preceding year by \$3,186.71, but both of these buildings have been leased for a term of years at good prices and no further vacancies or reductions of rentals are anticipated at present. The properties of the Board have been kept in good repair and with few exceptions are all rented. The tornado of May 27th caused great damage to many buildings belonging to the Board, as much of its property was located directly in the path of the storm, and 58 buildings were damaged in amounts ranging from \$5.00 to \$2,000.00 each, and \$7,946.06 was expended in restoring these buildings to their original condition. The Garden suffered severely by the destruction of trees, shrubs and damage to buildings and plant houses, necessitating an expenditure of \$4,479.36 for labor and material.

The efforts made in 1895 to lease for residence purposes certain properties of the Board lying west of Grand Avenue having failed, the Board authorized its attorneys to bring suit in the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, asking for au-



IN THE AGAVE HOUSE.

thority to sell all or a portion of its property lying west of Grand Avenue, except the Garden and the farm adjoining.

This cause was called for hearing before Judge Valliant on June 8th, and after two days' trial was submitted to the Court. On August 17th a decree and judgment were entered for the plaintiffs. The cause is now pending in the Supreme Court of the State. An application for an advancement of the case in that Court was made, but was not granted, but the application will be renewed at the April term and it is hoped a decision will be rendered during the year.

In view of the proposed opening, widening and improvement of Flora Avenue and other streets near the Garden, applications have already been received for the purchase of building sites.

Further additions have been made to the library, herbarium and furniture, and the following sums have been credited to the stock account as a permanent investment, which now aggregates \$1,528,081.42:—

Library (purchases and donations).....	\$4,049 12
Herbarium (purchases and donations).....	1,646 70
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	\$5,695 82

Mr. Shaw's bequests for banquets, sermon, premiums for flower show, and Shaw School of Botany, have all been faithfully carried out; and after supporting the Garden, caring for the properties of the Board and the restoration of the buildings damaged by the tornado, and repairing damages at the Garden, all of which having been paid for out of the revenues for the year, we carry forward only a small balance.

For a full and detailed account of the receipts and expenditures you are referred to the following statement:—

RECEIPTS.

Rents	\$94,681 19	
Interest, dividends and cash discounts on taxes.	3,922 64	
Garden, pasturage, sales, etc.....	491 00	
Garden hand book sales.....	65 75	
Publications sales.....	5 80	\$99,166 38
Stock Account paid by Administrator, balance..	5,051 82	
Streets, damages for opening.....	8,258 30	13,310 12
		<u>\$112,476 50</u>
Cash balance, January 1st, 1896.....		11,485 51
Total.....		<u><u>\$123,962 01</u></u>

EXPENDITURES.

Garden Account,		
Labor pay roll.....	\$11,803 70	
Students' pay roll.....	1,539 60	\$13,343 30
Office assistance.....	520 33	520 33
Fuel.....	818 48	818 48
Water.....	706 00	
Repairs and supplies.....	1,480 16	2,186 16
Stable and implements.....	859 11	859 11
Plants and seeds.....	1,194 73	1,194 73
Herbarium,		
Office assistance.....	298 00	
Janitor's services.....	90 00	
Extra mounting.....	51 41	
Fuel.....	75 03	
Current expenditure.....	1,762 43	2,276 87
Library,		
Office assistance.....	368 22	
Salary of Indexer.....	480 00	
Fuel.....	75 02	
Current expenditure and books.....	3,537 93	4,461 17
Office,		
Salaries	4,371 67	
Telephone.....	100 00	
Fuel	75 01	
Current expenditure.....	251 80	4,798 48
Research,		
Salary of artist.....	425 00	
Other salaries.....	565 62	
Incidentals	20 75	1,011 37
Carried forward.....	\$31,470 00	\$31,470 00

Brought forward.....	\$31,470 00	\$31,470 00
Scholarship,		
Instruction	295 00	
Announcement.....	14 00	
Care of lodge.....	240 00	
Fuel.....	46 28	
Other supplies.....	208 87	804 15
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		\$32,274 15
Garden Improvement,		
Storm damage	4,479 36	
Extension of garden, etc.....	506 75	4,986 11
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Total for Garden		\$37,260 26
Publication Account,		
Annual volume.....	1,913 24	
Reprint, Vols. 2 and 3.....	935 22	2,848 46
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Property Expense Account,		
Taxes: State, city, school and sprinkling.....	25,804 28	
Streets, pavements and sewers.....	4,317 86	
Insurance	5,578 80	
Repairs.....	5,637 16	
Tornado damage repairs.....	7,946 06	49,284 16
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Office Account,		
Salaries.....	3,600 00	
Rent of office.....	840 00	
Printing, postage, and telephone.....	559 25	4,999 25
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Sundry Accounts,		
Legal Expenses.....	2,232 05	
Streets, benefits for opening.....	8,100 00	10,332 05
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Bequests,		
Premiums to flower show.....	461 00	
Flower sermon.....	200 00	
Trustees' banquet.....	672 55	
Gardeners' banquet.....	340 80	
Washington University, School of Botany.....	1,019 80	2,694 15
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	\$107,418 33	\$107,418 33
Invested in 1896.....		16,537 33
Cash on hand December 31, 1896.....		6 35
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Total.....		\$123,962 01
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The books of the Board have been closed after showing the operations for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, and the receipts have been disposed of as follows:—

Rent account	\$94,681 19	
Interest	3,922 64	
Garden hand-book.....	65 75	\$98,669 58

CONTRA.

Garden expense	\$31,783 15	
Garden improvements.....	506 75	
Garden storm repairs.....	4,479 36	
Office expense.....	4,999 25	
Repairs	5,637 16	
Insurance.	5,578 80	
Taxes.....	25,804 28	
Street, pavements and sewers.....	4,159 56	
Damage by storm to revenue property.....	7,946 06	
Legal expenses.....	2,232 05	
Washington University, School of Botany.....	1,019 80	
Flower sermon.....	200 00	
Trustees' banquet.....	672 55	
Gardeners' banquet.....	340 80	
Flower show	461 00	
Publications	2,842 66	
Surplus for 1896.. ..	6 35	
	<u>\$98,669 58</u>	<u>\$98,669 58</u>

Surplus to December 31, 1895.....	\$73,818 49
“ for 1896.....	6 35
	<u>\$73,824 84</u>

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. LACKLAND, President.

Attest:

A. D. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.